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THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Held a Regular Business Meeting on:

February 14, 2002

9:00 A. M.

**526 C Street
Marysville, CA**

AGENDA

(NOTE: Times are approximate. The Chairman may alter the hearing order during the meeting)

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- 9:00 A. M. Call to Order (Jones)**
Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum
- Consent (Action)**
(Any Board Member wishing to discuss a particular item may request the Chairman to remove the item from Consent and place it under Continued or New Business for separate action)
1. Approval of Minutes, December 13, 2001, Regular Business Meeting.
STAFF REPORT APPROVED
- 9:05 A. M. Reports (Information)**
Department of Conservation
Director's Report (Young)
- State Mining and Geology Board
Chairman's Report (Jones)
Executive Officer's Report (Parrish)
Geohazards Committee (Ramirez)
Inter-board Committee (Tepel, Thompson)
Minerals & Geologic Resources (Griego)
Policy & Legislation (Jones)
Surface Mining Standards (Baca)
Board's Legal Counsel (Cunningham)

Mission of the State Mining and Geology Board is to Represent the State's Interest in the Development, Utilization and Conservation of Mineral Resources; Reclamation of Mined Lands; Development of Geologic and Seismic Hazard Information; and to Provide a Forum for Public Redress

9:35 A. M. Continued Business

(Action)

2. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Board Assumption of Yuba County's SMARA Authority.

Pursuant to PRC Section 2774.4 and the 45-Day Notice to Correct Deficiencies issued on October 1, 2001, the State Mining and Geology Board will receive comments from interested parties regarding the extent to which the Board should assume the County's SMARA authorities.

STAFF REPORT **All SMARA Authorities Assumed**

11:00 A. M. New Business

(Action)

3. Issuance of Notice of Violation to Archie's Trucking and Backhoe, Lawyer Pit (CA Mine ID # 91-09-0010), El Dorado County, Archie Lawyer, Agent and Operator, for Failure to Correct Cited Violations and Failure to Submit a Revised Reclamation Plan for the Site.

STAFF REPORT **Notice of Violation Deferred 30 Days**

11:10 A. M.

4. Issuance of Notice of Violation to Eureka Slate Mine, (CA Mine ID # 91-09-0007), El Dorado County, Rand Ferriera, Owner and Agent, for Failure to Obtain a Reclamation Plan and Financial Assurance for the Mine Site, and Failure to Submit Annual Mine Reports for Calendar Years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

STAFF REPORT **Notice of Violation Approved**

11:20 A. M.

5. Acceptance of Annual Mine Inspection Reports for the Following Surface Mines:
 - Oat Hill Mine - CA Mine ID # 91-28-0002, City of American Canyon **Annual Mine Inspection Accepted**
 - Garnet Pit - CA Mine ID # 91-33-0031, City of Palm Springs **Consideration of Inspection Report Deferred**
 - Otay Ranch Pit - CA mine ID # 91-37-0035, City of Chula Vista

STAFF REPORT

11: 45 A. M.

6. Approval of Proposed Regulatory Language to Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, New Article 15, Removing Section 3966.

STAFF REPORT

LUNCH BREAK

1:15. P. M.

7. Approval of Comments on Proposed Revised Mineral Resource Management Policies for Merced County, Pursuant to PRC ' 2762

ITEM POSTPONED

1:20 P. M.

8. Election of Vice Chair of the Board Pursuant to PRC ' 669 and the Board's Bylaws

STAFF REPORT

1:30 P. M. Good of the Meeting

(Information)

(This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak on a particular item should do so at this time. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes except by special consent of the Chairman)

1:40 P. M. Special Report

(Information)

Division of Mines and Geology - Minerals Program (B. Hill)

2:00 P. M. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

(The Board will discuss information from its legal counsel on pending litigation and may take appropriate actions based on this information. This session is being held under Government Code § 11126.) Items to be discussed are:

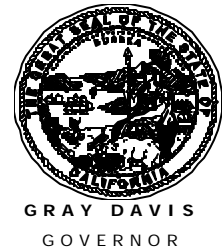
- a) Raney vs. SMGB, Case # SCVSS 69392, San Bernardino Superior Court;
- b) Schneider vs. SMGB, Case # OOCSSO1498, Sacramento Superior Court;
- c) Calvert, et al vs. SMGB et al, Case # OOCSSO1434, Sacramento Superior Court;
- d) Loring Brunius vs. SMGB, Case # PC 20010449, El Dorado County Superior court
- e) An un-named case where there is potentially significant exposure to litigation against the Board.

Reopen Regular Business Session, Announce Results of Executive Session

2:30 P. M. Announcements and Adjournment



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD
MINERALS & GEOLOGIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Will hold a Committee Meeting on:

February 14, 2002

2:45 P. M.

**526 C Street
Marysville, CA**

AGENDA

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2:45 P. M. Call to Order (Griego)
Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

NEW BUSINESS

(Action)

Review and Consideration of Division of Mines and Geology
Special Report # 177, *Mineral Land Classification of the Long
Valley Pozzolan Deposits, Lassen County, California*
(C. Downey) **STAFF REPORT**

Good of the Meeting

(Information)

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Announcements and Adjournment



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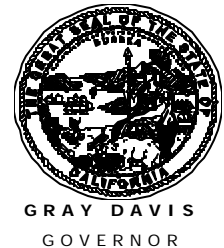
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GRAY DAVIS
GOVERNOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD
SURFACE MINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Will hold a Committee Meeting on:

February 14, 2002

3:15 P. M.

(or immediately following the Minerals & Geologic Resources Committee meeting)

526 C Street
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AGENDA

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- 3:15 P. M. Call to Order (Baca)**
Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum
- NEW BUSINESS (Action)**
1. Review and Consideration of Reclamation Plan for Garden Valley Aggregates Mine, CA Mine ID # 91-09-0013, John Tynes, Owner and Operator, El Dorado County.
STAFF REPORT RETURNED TO OPERATOR FOR REVISION
 2. Review and Consideration of Reclamation Plan for Adobe Road Borrow Site, Ladd and Associates, Operator, City of Red Bluff
STAFF REPORT RETURNED TO OPERATOR FOR REVISION
 3. Consideration of Preparing Staff Procedural Guidelines for Surface Mine Inspections
STAFF REPORT ONGOING DISCUSSIONS
 4. Consideration of Revised Annual Report Form
STAFF REPORT ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

Good of the Meeting

Information)

(This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak on a particular item should do so at this time. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes except by special consent of the Chairman)

Announcements and Adjournment

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NOTE: INFORMATION REGARDING STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE BOARD OFFICE AT (916) 322-1082. COPIES OF STAFF REPORTS AND APPROVED MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING THE BOARD OFFICE AT 801 'K' STREET, MS 24-05, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814 OR BY ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb/calendar>

NOTE: IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM OR SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD, PLEASE FILL OUT A "REQUEST TO SPEAK" FORM, AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING ROOM ENTRANCE, AND GIVE IT TO THE BOARD SECRETARY. PLEASE DELIVER THE FORM PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING HEARD BY THE BOARD. DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN, MORE TIME MAY BE GRANTED.

NOTE: INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF ANY LENGTH AND DETAIL TO THE BOARD. IT IS PREFERABLE THAT THESE STATEMENTS BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS CAN PREVIEW THE INFORMATION BEFORE THE MEETING. **PLEASE SUBMIT 25 COPIES OF ALL WRITTEN MATERIALS IN EXCESS OF TWO PAGES.** THE BOARD WILL NOT REPRODUCE REPORTS IN EXCESS OF TWO PAGES OR LARGE MAPS, PHOTOS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL HANDLING.

NOTE: A CLOSED SESSION MAY BE CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND OTHER PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY/CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS BY AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE §11126(q) AND SACRAMENTO NEWSPAPER GUILD vs. SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS [1968] 266(b) CAL. APP. 2nd, 41; BASIS OF "LITIGATION" EXCEPTION IS THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

NOTE: AS A STATE AGENCY, THE BOARD IS GOVERNED BY THE BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT THAT REQUIRES THE BOARD TO (1) PUBLISH AN AGENDA AT LEAST TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY MEETING; (2) DESCRIBE IN THE AGENDA SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED; AND, (3) REFUSE TO ADD AN ITEM AFTER THE AGENDA IS PUBLISHED.



DATE: February 14, 2002

STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD

SURFACE MINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE

ITEM 3 -- Consideration of Preparing Staff Procedural Guidelines for Surface Mine Inspections

BACKGROUND: The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA, Public Resource Code §2710 et seq.) requires that surface mines in the State be inspected not less than annually by the lead agency pursuant to PRC §2774(b). When the SMGB is the SMARA lead agency, it is responsible for conducting the mandated inspections. The SMGB has accomplished these inspections through contracting professional services from the private sector, or by contracting for professional services from the Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation.

In order to ensure that these inspections are thorough, uniform, and in accordance with the requirements of SMARA, the SMGB proposed that guidelines for SMGB use as a lead agency be developed by the Surface Mining Standards Committee.

The attached draft guidelines divide the inspection process into three phases: Pre-Mine Inspection activities; Mine Inspection activities; and, Post-Mine Inspection activities. The activities listed under each of these headings are provided in bullet form in this draft for discussion purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: The Committee is requested to review the activities in the proposed guidelines, and provide additional guidance for the preparation of the guidelines. Following Committee input, SMGB staff will prepare a draft guideline report to present to the Committee for its consideration and acceptance for recommending to the SMGB for adoption.

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